

in the 23rd session. Those remarks still hold good. You must see that the Mussalman community in Travancore makes it appear that the community already has a whole wish to have a legislation to control wakf properties. If the whole community is of the same opinion, I suggest you can send a deputation to me when we can discuss the question of appointing a committee for the purpose.

I am glad to find that there is more than one member from the Mussalman community in the Legislative Council. I think there are two, one elected and one nominated. I hope I shall always see two of them there.

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The Lakshmi Sabha is, I learn, doing good work. If there are any specific directions in which Government can help the Sabha, I shall be pleased to consider their definite recommendations.

158. Needs of the Muslims.

MR. AYYUB ADAM SAIT (*Member, Mercantile and Trading Classes, Quilon*) said that at present there were no Muslims in the superior ranks of the public service. This defect should be supplied. Muslims should be given appointment in the public service in proportion to the number of graduates among them. Qualified Muslim candidates should be appointed particularly in the Judicial and Registration Departments.

A Sirkar girls' school should be established either in the Andamukkom ward or in the Pallithottam ward in the Quilon town.

At least 2 Muslim representatives should be nominated to the Legislative Council and 5 representatives to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

Friday should be recognised as a public holiday for Muslims and they should be exempted from attendance in courts etc. on this day.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Ayyub Adam Sait, the question of a school for Muslim girls will be taken up in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

Then you speak about the exemption of Muhommedans from attendance in courts on Fridays. As a result of the representation made at the 23rd session of this Assembly, a Government order was issued directing that leave of absence for two hours instead of one should be granted on Fridays to Muhommedan parties concerned in cases in courts and to such Muhommedan employees under Government as apply for it. If those two hours are not enough the Government will be prepared to consider the question of a slight extension of time. What you want is that you should not be summoned to court until your prayer time is over, and I shall see whether, in consultation with the High Court, we cannot issue orders to the effect that Muhommedan parties and witnesses need not be summoned to attend courts on Fridays until after their midday prayer is finished.